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HUNGARIAN WATER TRANSPORT SOVIETIZED

PURGE HUNGARIAN EMPLOYEES -- Munich, Hungaria, 27 Oct 50

It is reported from Vienna that the Hungarian-Soviet Navigation Corporation (Meszhart) has far outgrown other concerns, and is undisputed lord of the Danube. Despite the fact that the hard-driven, underpaid workers of the Ganz Shipyards have recently launched their 30th inland waterway ship, not one of them flies the Hungarian flag, but all are sailing under Soviet colors.

Marlov, general manager of Meszhart, and half the shipboard personnel are Soviet citizens. Former Hungarian officials and sailors of the company are now either unemployed, or are working as day laborers.

A thorough purge of Hungarian employees has been conducted by former barge pilot Henrik Pal, assistant general manager of the firm. The replacement of technical personnel was accomplished by the foresighted establishment of a naval officers' training school last February. Although the training of naval officers required 3 years before the war, the new school makes naval officers of politically reliable men in 4 months.

AIR FREIGHT TRANSPORT BEGUN -- Budapest, Hirek a Magyar Nepi Demokraciabol, 19 Oct 50

To accommodate fall peak traffic, the Hungariar-Soviet civilian airlines Maszovlet is remodeling passenger planes now in use to handle freight. On occasion, cargoes as heavy as 2,000 kilograms have been carried by these planes.

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